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Pebble Mine backers try to silence voters

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I will argue with people about voting. More vehemently if they don't vote than if they vote for someone different than me. No, candidates aren't all the same, and it's a form of freeloading if you don't vote. If democracy were a religion, voting would be the sacrament.

Alaskans have an amazing record of being forward-thinking on who could vote. In 1912, a Tlingit, Charlie Jones, voted in Wrangell. He was assisted by Tillie Paul Tamarre, and they were both arrested. A federal court granted Alaska Natives the right to vote in territorial elections and the charges were dropped. It would be two more years before Native Americans elsewhere were granted the same right.

Seven months after President Taft signed the law making Alaska a territory, the First Territorial Legislature met and the first thing they did was pass a bill to allow women to vote. The vote was unanimous at a time when only nine states had granted women voting rights. The Seattle Sun wrote, "Alaska is nothing if not progressive." It took seven more years before the federal government would come to the same conclusion of that first legislative session in Alaska.

I guess when times were tougher in Alaska, people respected each other more. If you were stuck in a

snowbank or fell out of your boat, you didn't care what color or gender your rescuers were. I heard an advertisement on the radio this week. It was former lawmaker Gail Phillips chiding Alaskans for not being civil in the Pebble Mine fight. A few years ago she told us it was "un-American" and "un-Alaskan" to not let companies who are neither Alaskan nor American go through a permitting process. I pulled into a park and thought about what she'd said. I watched a man and his boy walk past my car with fishing poles. There has to be a nicer way; maybe she was right. My phone rang. "Did you hear the governor has signed Alaska up to the Pebble Partnership side of their lawsuit against the Lake and Pen Borough?" See, the "nice" game the Pebble folks have been playing includes denying Alaskans the right to vote in a ballot initiative signed by more of their borough residents than voted in their last election. In an unbelievable show of disconnect, Sean Parnell has filed, on our behalf, an amicus brief siding with the foreign-owned Pebble Partnership trying to stop Alaskans from voting in their own borough. It shouldn't be surprising since Gov. Parnell, after attending a cruise ship conference in Florida, came home and overturned the will of Alaskans to tax cruise ship passengers less than the airlines charge to check a bag. I guess he was really serious about no local knowledge being considered during development. With Coastal Zone Management gone, there are only a few options left for locals to be heard. But Gov. Parnell choosing to end 10,000 years of local knowledge shouldn't have been a surprise. Whether it's exercising the right to vote or shilling for transnational corporations, Sean Parnell always sides with corporations over people. He is still pushing to give away, with absolutely no strings attached or incentives for new exploration or investment, \$2 billion back to the Oil Producers. It's as though he never stopped being Exxon's attorney or Conoco Phillips' lobbyist. Then there was the day of prayer and before that his surrender of sovereignty to the feds with the loss of the coastal zone program. A few years ago I was so tired of ballot initiatives, I wanted to write one to make no more ballot initiatives. I was wrong. When it is done right it's one of our clearest paths to good policy. The folks in the Bristol Bay area haven't been heard by proponents of Pebble. Despite Anglo American CEO Cynthia Carroll's repeated promises that they won't develop the proposed Pebble Mine if it doesn't have the support of local communities, they are trying to silence the will of borough residents. Protecting the largest wild salmon stock in the world is taken pretty seriously out there. The statewide polling shows the majority of Alaskans oppose the mine for good reasons -- over 10 billion tons of waste to be maintained far after the life of the mine. Pebble spokesperson Mike Heatwole expressed confidence in having the support of the locals this week. Well, then you won't have a problem getting them to vote the way you'd like. Right? The truth is, Heatwole's children won't be drinking water from the area, and neither will the grandchildren of his boss, John Shively. So when it comes to "being nice" about the Pebble fight, I'm good with that. You go first. Let the people of Bristol Bay vote. Gov. Parnell has taken orders from corporate masters (both foreign and domestic) over his vow to represent the people of Alaska, specifically our brothers and sisters in Bristol Bay.

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